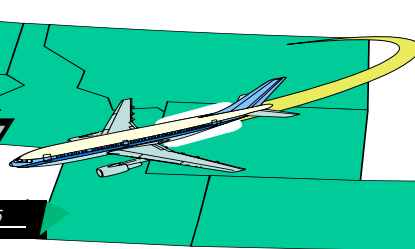




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## **Airport Improvement Program stats show resolve is needed to reach FY-05 goals**

**A**s we approach the halfway mark in this fiscal year, we wish to provide you an update on the status of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) thus far:

- The total number of grants anticipated this year - 230, for approximately \$350 million.
- Grants approved and awaiting grant offer – 70, or 30 percent.
- Grants executed – 7, or 3 percent.

These statistics are not unusual, even though 3 percent under grant at halftime sounds pretty grim. But, our project managers still display great confidence in you, the sponsors and consultants, and in our system of project review and approval.

The next 3 months will really tell the story. We are all working hard to get construction done this year. This means opening bids and issuing most grants by the end of June. We obviously have a long way to go, and will work closely with the airport community to make this happen.

Meanwhile, our project managers are pushing hard to close completed projects. We try each year to close as many as we open. Against 230 expected new grants, we have closed 65 to date. Once again, everyone expects to meet this objective, meaning we have to close seven grants every week, from now until the end of September. We need your help on this, and the new grants.

*Dave Field*

## **The 2005 FAA NW Mountain Region Airports Conference is almost here**

**I**t is hard to believe it, but our conference start date, April 4, is days away! Registrations to date show a great response, and we are looking forward to seeing many of our conference regulars and some new faces as well.

The discounts offered for early conference registration and accommodations at the Marriott Denver City Center have past the March 14 deadline. Individual registrations fees are now \$310; and the fee for groups of five or more is \$260.

Everything you need to know about the conference, including a point of contact, can be found on the web at <http://www.engr.washington.edu/epp/Faa/>.

We look forward to seeing you in Denver, April 4-6!

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